Welfare of orphans

†1084. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Non-Governmental Organisations engaged in the welfare of orphans across the country;

(b) what is the amount of financial assistance provided to each of these organizations during the last three years; and

(c) whether some of the organizations, out of the above NGOs, have misused the funds provided to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Ministry of Women and Child Development has two schemes for welfare of orphans. These are:

(i) A Scheme for Assistance to Homes for Children (Shishu Greh) to promote in-country Adoption under which grant-in-aid is given to voluntary organizations and Government run homes for orphaned/abandoned children of 0-6 years for giving them quality child care and placement in adoption. The details of voluntary organizations and State Governments which were provided assistance under this Scheme during the last three years are available on Central Adoption Resource Agency's (CARA) website-www. adoptionindia. nic. in.

(ii) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely 'A Programme for Juvenile Justice' under which financial assistance is provided to the State Governments/UT Administrations to meet 50 per cent of their expenditure requirements for construction and maintenance of children's homes either by itself or in association with voluntary organizations, under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000. The ratio of expenditure in case of NGO run homes is 45:45:10 among Centre, States and NGO. The State Governments/UT Administrations, in turn release grants adding, its own share to concerned NGOs for running the children homes. The details of grants released under this scheme to the States/ UTs during last three years are available in the Ministry's website-www.wcd.nic.in.

(c) No such incidence has come to the notice of the Ministry so far.

Making stringent anti-dowry law

1085. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to make the anti-dowry law harsher which seeks to protect brides against greedy husbands and in-laws, and extend the current seven year window for registration of a dowry death case to life time;

(b) if so, whether Government has examined the recommendations of the National Commission for Women and is of the view that, given the rising trend of dowry cases, there is a need for stricter provisions and longer jail terms; and

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